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SUBJECT: AFGHANISTAN: SENIOR CIVILIAN REPRESENTATIVE POSITIONS  
OFFER UNPARALLELED CAREER OPPORTUNITY FOR SFS OFFICERS

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[1](#)1. This is an action request. Please see para 3.

[1](#)2. The U.S. Mission in Afghanistan is looking for the Department's best Senior Officers to serve as Senior Civilian Representatives (SCR). SCRs serve as the U.S. Ambassador's direct representative to a specific region of Afghanistan (South, Southwest, East, North, West). Given the President's emphasis on strengthening governance and development at the sub-national level, these positions involve some of the U.S. Mission's most exciting and important work on what is arguably our number one foreign policy priority. In addition to acting as the civilian counterpart to the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) military commanders (2-star, SCRs direct the work of all Chief of Mission (COM) civilians working in the respective RC, a number that currently tops 100 in existing commands and is expected to grow in the coming year. SCRs coordinate closely with multiple agencies and entities of the USG to ensure a 'whole of government' approach to field activities and interact frequently with coalition senior civilians and senior Afghan government officials in the region. The SCR executes U.S. national policy and guidance within the region and ensures a coherence of political direction and development efforts.

[1](#)3. Post requests the Department to draw attention to these positions through an aldac and through targeting our best Senior Foreign Service officers. Senior Civilian Representative positions remain available in RC-East, RC-South (Kandahar, Uruzgan, Dai Kundi and Zabul) and the soon-to-be-established RC-SW (Helmand and Nimroz). Thank you for helping us continue to bring the USG's best to these jobs.

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